criminal cases were being instituted or inquired;

(b) whether it is a fact that Shri Chadha was in league with the CBI at that point of time when he left India and was treated softly; and

(c) what steps for sympathetic treatment to Shri Win Chadha?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) As per available information, Shri Win Chadha last came to India on 14-4-1988 and left again on 27-10-88. The only criminal case pending against Shri Chadha at the time of his visit was under Section 56 of F.E.R.A. for not responding to the summons issued by the Enforcement Directorate. The Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Delhi, however, dropped the proceedings and discharged Shri Chadha on 4th August, 1988 and hence there was no restraint on his travel abroad on account pendency of criminal proceedings at the time of his departure from the country.

Separately, the Income-tax authorities had issued an order under Section 230(1) of the Income-tax on 29-7-88 restraining Shri Chadha from leaving the territory of India by land, sea or air until further orders. This order was revoked on 21-10-88 on the instructions of the then Government. Although there was no tax liability pending against Shri Chadha on that date, certain documents had been published in The Hindu which implicated Shri Chadha for having been one of the recipients of the commissions paid in the Bofors deal which, if established, would have imposed a substantial tax liability on him.

(b) and (c) The present government would not like to comment on the conduct of the investigating agencies during the tenure of the previous government

World Bank assistance to Andhra Pradesh

*318. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank proposes to provide special disaster reconstruction assistance of the order of Rs. 2200 crores to Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the Central Government have agreed to seek such loan assistance from the World Bank; and

(c) what further action, if any, has been taken regarding the Chief of the World Bank?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Financing of a Reconstruction Project is under discussion with the World Bank. Preliminary indications are that the size of the loan/credit would be about $ 200 million.

Export of fruits

319. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a special drive is underway to increase export of apples and other fruits and vegetables;

(b) whether similar corresponding drive for increasing production of fruits and vegetables is also underway;

(c) what is the per capita availability of fruits and vegetables at present, State-wise and at the all India level;

(d) whether Government are aware that high incidence of pesticides in fruits and vegetables is likely to stand in the way of exports; and

(e) whether incidence of insecticides in apples has been worked out and if so, what is the extent thereof?

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(SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) Export of fresh fruits (including apples) and vegetables is freely allowed by the Government. As incentives for these exports Government allows Cash Compensatory Support (CCS) @22 per cent for export by air, and 10 per cent for export by sea, and import replenishment @10 per cent etc. Besides, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) also takes steps to promote such exports by organising buyer-seller meets, participation in international exhibitions etc.

(b) According to the Ministry of Agriculture, which is concerned with the production aspects, a number of schemes are being implemented to step up production of fruits and vegetables and for reducing post harvest losses of fruits and vegetables.

(c) Figures of state-wise per capita fruits and vegetables are not available. However, according to the National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad, a minimum per capita consumption of 280 gms of vegetables including tubers is essential. The present level of production would supply only 130 gms per capita per day.

According to the recommended dietary allowance prescribed by the Indian Council of Medical Research for various classes of people, the average per capita requirement of fruit is 92 gms per day. The present level of fruit production would supply this quantity per capita per day.

(d) and (e) Government is aware that pesticides/insecticides residues in fruits and vegetables can come in the way of export of these items. All possible care is, therefore, taken to ensure that plant protection measures for fruits and vegetables do not build up pesticides/insecticides residues beyond permissible limits and that fruits and vegetables are safe for human consumption after certain waiting period prescribed for each chemical and crop.

UAE dhows detected off the Indian coast overlooking Arabian Sea

*320. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of dhows from the UAE with updated radars and sophisticated satellite communication system have been detected during the past few months off the Indian coast overlooking the Arabian sea; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such actitvities noticed during the past six months indicating the contrabands, if any, seized from such vessels?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b) A number of dhows engaged in smuggling of contraband from some countries of West Asia including United Arab Emirates have been apprehended in the recent past by the Customs and the Coast Guard off the Indian coast overlooking the Arabian sea. Some of these dhows have been found to be fitted with modern commercially available radars, satellite navigation the communication equipment. The apprehension of some of these dhows during the past six months has resulted mainly in the seizure of silver in significant quantities.